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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JOSE MERINO-LOPEZ et al.

Application No.: 10/071,135

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: MEASUREMENT OF ADHERENCE BETWEEN A VEHICLE WHEEL AND THE ROADWAY

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Group Art Unit: 1733

February 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In the Official Action mailed January 28, 2004, the Examiner required restriction between Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to a tire having a sensor with a first tread element and Group II, claims 22-29, drawn to a method for detecting an adherence characteristic.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Claims 1-21 of Group I in the present application.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 22-29 without prejudice to prosecuting the subject matter of the claims in a divisional application.

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